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A Message from the President

Greetings Members,

As another year comes to an end, I am grateful for this community and all of the neighbors that I have created friendships with. This was a very difficult year for the Association. When I joined the board many years ago, I could have never predicted the troubles that we experienced this year. From the horrible weather that has damaged so much property, to the lawsuits that have raised our insurance to an unfathomable amount, this has truly been one of the most difficult years in our history.

Our board has been trying to evolve and come up with new ideas that would incorporate more community involvement, in a time where volunteerism is severely declining. We have tried to update our processes and policies to meet the needs of an ever-changing world. Unfortunately, the small amount of progress we were making, was no match to the difficulty that was headed our way. I am hopeful that we will get through this and that this community will come together and support our beaches and the volunteers who spend so much of their time to keep this all afloat.

The December newsletter is traditionally a reflection of all of the great times that we've had during the current year, so you will find many photos to remind you of why this community is so special and important to us. This is a beautiful community that I choose to raise my family in and I am so grateful for everyone who is a part of it.

Happy holidays to everyone and here's wishing for a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely, MaryAnne Metzak, NSBPOA President

NSBPOA Financial Update

The second half of this year, the Board has been meeting and researching all possibilities to improve the financial constraints that are upon our Association. In the upcoming year, we will need to make some difficult and important financial decisions to find the best path to allow this Association to survive, or discuss the possibility of dissolution. We know there will be an extreme negative impact on our community and property values if the Association is no longer able to keep its properties, so we are trying to find the best solutions and to ask for support from our community members.

It's important to address to our members the Board's decision to raise membership rates and also add an assessment fee. It was inevitable that the membership rate was going to need to increase. We have kept rates very low during a struggling economy, with the price of labor and goods on the rise. It was a necessary increase, but unfortunately it was compounded with the need for an assessment. With our liability insurance increasing to over \$100k, we needed to impose the assessment to cover that cost. The past few years we have had a significant deficit in our budget, which the increase in membership will hopefully cover moving forward. The assessment will cover the immediate need to pay for our liability insurance. The assessment is predicted to be necessary until we are able to renegotiate our insurance options.

We looked at the option to lower rates in order to bring in a larger membership base. As part of that budgeting process, with our expenses at almost \$500k annually, it would be impossible to bring in the amount of members necessary to cover that cost. For example, if membership were \$200 - we would need 2,500 households to join, or if membership were \$300 - we would need 1,700 households to join. Those membership numbers are not realistic to be met, so the budget plan was to increase to an amount we believe can be met. We are accounting for a decrease in total membership overall.

We are currently in the process of applying for the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program to hopefully secure funding that is desperately needed to repair property damages and economic loss from the severe storms and flooding that occurred on August 18/19th.

Our Save the Beach Campaign has raised over \$15,000 which helped close the gap in the shortfall that was predicted for this year. Our campaign is still open and if you can afford to, please visit -> <u>"Save the Beach"</u> we need your help more than ever!

2025 Membership Information

As we say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in 2025, we can all agree 2024 has provided us with many challenges. The Board has worked hard on cutting down costs where possible for the 2025 Membership drive. The process has changed due to these efforts. Our membership packets were previously processed and mailed out from Florida, where our membership chair, Sandy, volunteers her time in the winter.

The 2025 process will be a bit different!

- 1. Packets will be available during pick-up sessions held at the NSB Clubhouse. Dates will be posted where you can come pick up your packet.
- 2. Membership for 2025 will be \$500 plus a \$200 assessment fee. Total membership cost \$700.
- 3. No discounts such as senior, veteran, etc will be an option this year.
- 4. If you wish to split your payment into installments, we can invoice your paypal account. Payments can be spread out over 4 months at maximum. Once you have paid in full, you can receive your membership packet.
- 5. A late fee of \$150 will be applied for members who try to join on May 1st or after. The only exception will be for new home owners who purchased the home after the deadline.
- 6. If you wish to have your packet mailed to your home, there will be an additional \$25 fee for shipping and handling.

Sandy Hooker and **Laurie Morrow**, our Membership Committee Chairs, will be available either by email or phone to answer any of your questions or concerns.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support this special beach gem!

Send membership questions to Sandy and Laurie at: membership@northshorebeach.org

2025 NSBPOA General Membership Meeting Dates

Please join us for our General Membership Meetings. They are held at 9:30am at the NSB Clubhouse, 55 Clubhouse Drive, Rocky Point. All meetings are open to NSB members in good standing. Members will be asked to sign in, **please be sure to bring your membership card and photo ID** as we do need to record your name and member number for credential verification. Please arrive a few minutes early to be sure you are checked in. We have done away with printing documents, prior to the meeting, please be sure to bring the documents we share with membership before the meeting.

The minutes from the previous general meetings can be found by clicking here

The agenda, when it is posted, can be found by clicking here

The financials when posted, can be found by clicking here

As per the bylaws, if you are unable to attend, but would like to have the association reach its quorum limit, please fill out the <u>proxy form</u> to count you as being present so NSBPOA may conduct its business. This must be received by the secretary either in person or via email prior to 11:59 PM on Saturday, prior to the General Meeting. This form is for <u>proprietary</u> members only.

Our meetings are a great place to learn more about the NSBPOA. Our meetings also offer members a chance to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you might have.

As always, coffee and breakfast pastries are served. We hope to see you at one of our future meetings!



2025 General Membership Meeting Dates

March 23, 2025

May 4, 2025

June 15, 2025

July 27, 2025

(Nominations Close)

August 24, 2025
(Annual Meeting & Election Announcement)

September 21, 2025

November 16, 2025 (Budget Presentation)

In Memoriam

Ralph T. Iervolino



Ralph Thomas Iervolino, age 85, of Rocky Point, New York and formerly of NYC, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 31, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Constance Ward Iervolino, and his beloved children, Laura Iervolino Fuori, Christopher Ward Iervolino and dear daughter-in-law Kathleen and Stephen Ralph Iervolino and his late daughter-in-law Jennifer Lemiech Iervolino. Ralph was a proud and cherished grandpa to Austin, Lindsay, Mark, Nicole, Tyler, and Evan. He is also survived by his loving siblings, Anna Petrucelli and Fred Iervolino. Beloved uncle to twelve nieces and nephews.

Ralph was a graduate of St. John's University and held a Master's Degree in Social Work from Fordham University Graduate School. He worked for 30 years for the Agency for Children's Services in NYC as Director of 22 group homes for abused and neglected teens ages 16-21, and also as Director of Education. After his retirement, he was an adjunct professor in social work practice and administration at Touro College.

He was a caring and compassionate man totally dedicated to his family and helping others with a wonderful sense of humor and zest for life. Ralph had been a parish trustee and lector for 20 years at his prior parish of St. Lucy's, Bronx, NY. After his retirement he enjoyed pursuing his passion for oil painting and playing golf with his Rocky Point and city buddies. He was a lifelong ardent Yankees baseball fan. A true history buff, he loved exploring New York City, attending theater and visiting museums with his wife Connie. Ralph also became an award- winning artist with his paintings gracing homes throughout New York. Just before his passing, he was invited to showcase his work in a two month solo exhibition at the North Shore Library.

In lieu of flowers, the Iervolino family suggests that donations be made in Ralph's memory to St. Jude's Children Hospital, The Smile Train, Tunnels to Towers Foundation, and Good Shepherd Hospice.

Ralph's spirit, creativity, and love will be missed by all who knew him. His family says his legacy of love, devotion, and service, honesty, humility, and humor will endure.



I put a spell on you...

In November, we held a special fundraiser concert with "The Resurrection of Screamin' Jay Hawkins Band". They provided us with a private concert at our Clubhouse. Mike Armando, former NSB President, and the guitarist of the original "Screamin' Jay Hawkins Band", organized this special fundraising event. Mike also obtained over \$5,000 in business sponsorships! How amazing! Mike Armando, along with other band members of The Resurrection of Screamin' Jay Hawkins Band, Andrew Golba, Shakar Brumfield, Kevin Prothro, and Michael Fox put on an amazing performance for us. What a special treat! The crowd favorite was of course, the famous song, "I put a spell on you", along with "Constipation Blues".

Thank you to all who contributed and attended!



End of Summer Fun!













Christmas at the NSB Clubhouse

We had a group of members host our first annual Merry Miles fundraiser at the Clubhouse this December. It was a beautiful and cozy event with friends and neighbors celebrating the Christmas holiday together. Thank you to the Hagans, Hansens, Ciolinos, Gallos, and all the other families who supported this event!









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If you are interested in becoming a local business sponsor, please email: Secretary@northshorebeach.org

Thank you for a great 2024 season NSB! And for your continued support during this very challenging year!



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